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COUNTRY East Germany TOPIC Erfurt-Bindersleben Airfield

INITIAL IATION see below PLACE OBTAINED [redacted] 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT 20 June to 5 July 1952

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1. On 20 June 1952, jet aircraft and conventional planes were parked at Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield. Flying was allegedly practiced throughout the day.
2. On 21, 22 and 23 June, source learned from a local resident that the field was occupied by about 20 transport planes and cargo gliders in addition to jet fighters. A local resident assumed that the transports and cargo gliders came from Altenburg or Leipzig. Between 29 June and 5 July, flying was observed every day.
3. On 4 and 5 July, 7 MiG-15s, 35 twin-engine transports and 3 cargo gliders were observed at the field. It was repeatedly observed that the transports flying in formations of up to 17 planes approached and left the field. According to a colleague of source, the jet fighters usually circled the field. On 4 July, source observed that a jet fighter took off and rose to an altitude of about 3,000 meters and then dived to about 700 meters. When the plane pulled out of dive the noise of the jet engine was again heard. Subsequently, the plane was observed gliding over the field. The field was occupied by air force soldiers. Also three engineer soldiers were observed. The personnel were quartered in six barracks buildings along a road which branched off from Erfurt-Bindersleben road south of the field and extended to the south. A worker said that the barracks buildings had been occupied by Germans a short time before. Radio installations were observed in the vicinity of the field.

- * [redacted] Comment: According to another reliable source who last observed the MiG-15s at the field on 17 July and judging by a fuel shipment on 6 June to [redacted] which is the OAD of the fighter regiment in Brandis, the jet fighters at the field belong to the fighter regiment in Brandis. These planes have been observed flying over Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield since

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1 June 1952. [redacted] Another source previously observed a cargo glider at the field. [redacted] The transport planes participated in air landing exercises performed by elements of the Eighth Gds Army after 19 June. [redacted] 25X1

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[redacted] Most of the aircraft took off from Altenburg airfield. Some of the planes also made intermediate landings at Erfurt-Bindersleben and Brandis airfields. For sketch of cargo glider, observed over Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield, see Annex.

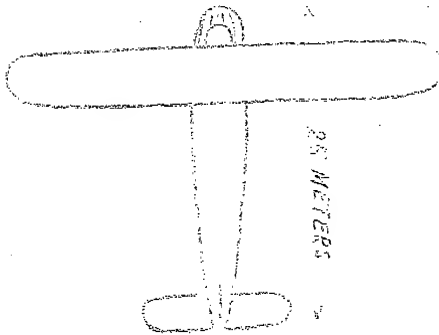
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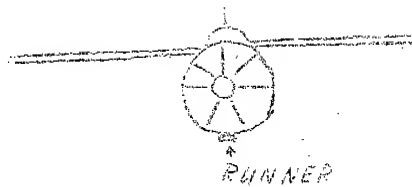
Cargo Glider Observed over Erfurt-Bindersleben Airfield

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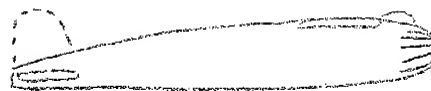


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